

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WEDNESDAY, April 29.—Ald. CLANCY, President, in the chair.

The City Bill.—Read and resolution by Ald. STEVENS. The recent Legislature passed a law declaring that the twelve lower piers of No. 110 St. East River, shall be exclusively used for canal barges, and that no other vessels shall be allowed to use them. It is now the duty of the Board of Aldermen to see that the law is carried into effect. It is the duty of the Board of Aldermen to see that the law is carried into effect. It is the duty of the Board of Aldermen to see that the law is carried into effect.

Whereas, the use of the wharves, piers and slips have been under the control of the Corporation, and it is believed and set is not valid, therefore be it resolved, That the Council to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to test the Constitutionality of said act.

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WEST INDIES.

CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN SLAVER.

373 NEGROES RESCUED.

From The Falmouth (Jamaica) Post.

On Thursday last, the 16th inst., the inhabitants of St. Ann's Bay were thrown into a state of considerable excitement by the arrival of a schooner—considered by the people to be a slave ship. The schooner was a small vessel, and she had on board a large number of captives. It appears that the Captain of the Arab had received information that a bark and schooner were expected in Cuba from the Coast of Africa, each with a cargo of slaves. On Monday, the 13th inst., a suspicious-looking craft was seen with a full press of sail, making the best of her way to her destined port. She was closely pursued, and the Captain of the Arab, who there was no possibility of escaping from the Arab, desisted from her attempt to escape. The Arab, who was the master of the Arab, dispatched his gunboat, with fifteen men, under the command of his First Lieutenant, with orders for the capture of the schooner. The Arab, who was the master of the Arab, dispatched his gunboat, with fifteen men, under the command of his First Lieutenant, with orders for the capture of the schooner.

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NICARAGUA.

WALKER CORNERED.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, April 14, 1857.

What I have so long predicted has at length transpired. The "Civilizers of Nicaragua," or that portion of them who have been engaged under the command of "Col. S. A. Lockridge, Emigrant Agent," have been compelled to give up their undertaking, and are now objects of charity, begging for passages to their homes. Reduced to only a few days' short rations of provisions, they are petitioning the superior officer of the British fleet here to take them to some point from which they can have some hope of getting home. Abandoning the foolish threat of opening the river, they returned from Castillo on the 6th inst., exploding a steamer at Sarapiquí, by which a great many were badly scalded, as I informed you in my last. The steamer Tennessee was in port, and the Captain, it is said, had orders to take the men home; instead of which, however, he took up anchor and put to sea as they were just entering the bay from the river, leaving them to their fate.

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and were drenched. The entire number of men then amounted to about 400. Col. Lockridge then commenced disposing of the provisions and effects for his own benefit, which was discovered by the soldiers when they took possession of the steamer Resaca, together with the provisions, arms and ammunition, and on the 10th of April delivered them over to Major Martin of Greytown in consideration of which they were to be sent to the United States.

On the 12th the Costa Ricans, probably 80 in number, arrived near Greytown on the steamer Morgan, and were about to make an attack upon our men who were all at Punta Arenas, but were prevented by the English vessels. They then took possession of the Resaca which was lying anchored in the river. On the 14th about half of our men went on board of the English ship Cosack and the remainder on the ship Tartar, and the two vessels proceeded to Aspinwall, where we arrived on the 17th and remained until the 20th, when we were permitted to go on shore. On that day about 60 were taken on board the Illinois for New York and about 100 on board the Granada for New Orleans. The others still remain on the Tartar waiting a passage home.

On the 12th inst., while we were at Punta Arenas, I went over to Greytown, and there learned from the Costa Ricans that Walker was attacked on the 24th, that the Costa Ricans had succeeded in destroying the principal part of his force, but in so doing sustained a loss of about 1,000 men; they did not know what Walker's loss was; they had entirely surrounded Walker, and thought he could not hold out long, as there was no possibility of his replenishing his provisions. I did not place much reliance upon this statement, but have no doubt that a battle was fought, and that Walker is in a very critical condition. The men and most of the officers turned against Col. Lockridge from the time he ordered the retreat from Fort Castillo.

We have been favored by Lieut.-Col. Doubleday, late of the expedition on the San Juan River under Col. Lockridge, and other passengers by the Illinois, with the following facts relative to the state of affairs in Nicaragua.

The complete evacuation of the San Juan River and Punta Arenas by the filibusters under Col. Lockridge's command took place on the 3d inst. The detached volunteers, finding that Col. Lockridge made no arrangements to get them back to the United States, resolved to turn their arms and ammunition to the best account they could, and after disbanding on the 5th inst., they made a proposition to the commander of the British fleet lying at Greytown to give up the property in their possession, consisting of six pieces of ordnance, about four hundred stand of arms, two tons of powder, &c., to the British officers, on condition of having their passage paid to the States; which was complied with by the latter. Accordingly, 170 were placed on board the man-of-war Cosack and 204 on board of the Tartar and taken to Aspinwall, with a view of being forwarded by the first steamers from that port to New-Orleans and New-York, as they might desire. A portion of those who were taken to Aspinwall by the Cosack were transferred to the Granada for New-Orleans, and the rest came on in the Illinois to this port; but in consequence of measles or some other contagious disease breaking out among the passengers on board the Tartar, none of the steamers were permitted to come here on either of the steamers, and it was understood that at the time the Illinois left Aspinwall they were still on board the Tartar, waiting for a favorable change in the state of health among them, and an opportunity to get home by some other steamer.

Beside the 304 volunteers on board the Tartar, there were about 100 deserters from Walker's army, in Aspinwall when the Illinois left there, depending upon the charity of the inhabitants and California passengers for their daily bread. Col. Lockridge did not accompany the officers and men of his late command to Aspinwall, but remained at Greytown, and intimating to one of his faithful followers, the "bent" democracy, officers that the breaking up of the expedition on the San Juan River must be followed by the entire annihilation of Walker, unless reinforcements should reach him from California, which it was rumored, were to leave San Francisco on the same day that the Golden Gate left that port. A proclamation had been issued by the Costa Rican Government, setting forth that the Transit route was open through to the Pacific for any except those engaged in the cause of Walker. News had been received at Greytown from Rivas, representing Walker as completely surrounded by the allies, and San Juan del Sur in the possession of Guatemalans, and that Walker's force was reduced to about 300 men, who were reduced to the necessity of living on dog and mule flesh. According to the most favorable intelligence which the friends of Walker had received from Rivas prior to leaving Aspinwall, Walker's force did not exceed 250 to 300 men; and although they were represented to be in a healthy condition, desertions were so frequent that he was unable to hold out long. He had but few left with him to share his fate, whatever it may be. Some of his friends appear to think that he will, as a last resource, succeed in cutting his way through the enemy's lines and claim protection on board of the St. Mary's, lying in the harbor of San Juan del Sur. Others seem to think that Walker will prefer to die by starvation at his post, rather than give his enemies an opportunity of catching him alive. The returned volunteers from the San Juan River attribute the failure of their expedition to the inexperience of Col. Lockridge, and consequent inability to take command of the force; that had Gen. Wheat been intrusted with the command, they would have promptly pushed their way up the river and captured Fort Castillo before the Costa Ricans could possibly have obtained reinforcements, inasmuch as the fort was then defended by about 30 men. The council of war which recommended the evacuation of the San Juan River consisted of Gen. Wheat, Col. Lockridge, Col. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. Doubleday, Major Baldwin, Major Moon and Major Capers, who, having approached under cover within one hundred yards of Fort Castillo, and found it most thoroughly fortified, as well as Nelson's Hill, and that the fortifications were defended by about 400 men, concluded that if they could take the fort at all, it would be at such a sacrifice of life among them that there would not be a sufficient number of men left to make further progress, and consequently no advantage would be gained, even with the loss it would require.

Considerable chagrin appears to have been felt by some of Walker's friends who were engaged in the late expedition, on account of the British officers at Greytown handing over the arms and ammunition which had been surrendered to them by the filibusters, to the British fleet in the highest terms of the kind treatment extended to them by the commanders of the British fleet.

We translate from an extra of the *Cronica* of Costa Rica, published at San José on the 8th of April, the following dispatch from Gen. Mora, Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces in Nicaragua. The dispatch reached San José at 11 a. m. on the 8th:

HEADQUARTERS, LAS ESQUINAS, April 1, 1857. I have informed you of my operations from the time that I took the chief command of the allied forces. I have now little to add, but it is interesting. The siege of Rivas is more complete than I had hoped, with the force we have brought about by a good success. The force we have brought about by a good success. The force we have brought about by a good success.

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